

Last Night's Soccer

FOGG SCORES DECIDER FOR BEDFORD

WYCOMBE RALLY IN VAIN FROM 0-2 DOWN

By DAVID MILLER

Bedford 3 Wycombe Wanderers 2

TWO down after a quarter of an hour against Bedford in their F.A. Cup first round third replay, Wycombe staged a tremendous recovery with two goals in six minutes immediately after half-time, but with a quarter of an hour to go Fogg put Bedford ahead again.

Both Bedford's first goals came from Wycombe mistakes—an own goal by Rundle and a slip by Maskell. But Horseman, bringing his tally for the season to 36, gave Wycombe hope when all seemed lost. The crowd was estimated at 10,000, bringing the total for the four matches to over 33,000.

It was a sad moment for Rundle. Bedford had pressed for several minutes without being conspicuously dangerous. Then Riley, from a position on the by-line, about 15 yards from the left-hand post, chipped into the middle.

Rundle had time and space, though he did not know who might be coming in behind him. He had an arc of at least 120 degrees where he might have put the ball. The spot he chose was between the post and Maskell's despairing grasp.

This was a black start for Wycombe and made no better 10 minutes later, when a shot by Sturrock, Bedford's outside-right, was covered by Maskell, but squeezed under his body, giving Riley an empty net to slip the ball into.

WYCOMBE RALLY

Two close things

Half an hour had gone before Wycombe really looked up. Then Collier had to rush out to clear off Samuels' feet and from a header by Samuels, Horseman, with an

overhead kick, put the ball just over the bar.

This revival by Wycombe did not last long and before half-time Bedford were pressing again with Paton and Riley going close.

The start of the second-half saw the transformation. Within six minutes Wycombe were level with Horseman's two goals. With less than a minute gone he took a pass on the right with the defence caught square; beat Skinn on the turn and put a lovely swerving shot into the net.

With only five minutes gone Samuels broke away down the middle, passed Collins. Collier rushed out to dive at his feet, the ball ran loose and Horseman rushed up to smash it into the empty net from 16 yards.

Now Wycombe really had the edge and although Roystone cleared the line from Sturrock, Samuels fleetingly had a chance to put Wycombe ahead when Collier failed to head Worley's cross-shot. But the ball spun away too fast for him or three yards from the post and was cleared.

The winning goal was fittingly decisive. Paton broke clear on the right, raced 20 yards to the left, centred as he was falling and Fogg standing eight yards out and moving slightly away from goal, dived sideways to steer a glancing header back down into the near corner of the goal just inside the post.

Bedford.—Collier; Morgan, Skinn; Collins, Cooley; Sturrock, Paton, Riley, Fennings.
Wycombe.—Maskell; Beck, Roystone, Baker, Rundle, Gale; Worley, Samuels, Horseman, Merrick.

Wycombe give Bedford too big a start

By ALEX BANNISTER

Bedford 3 Wycombe 2

AFTER six and a half hours' football and in the third replay last evening, Bedford Town of the Southern League finally overcame the amateurs from Wycombe.

They now play Oxford United away in the second round of the FA Cup, and rarely can a match have been so hardly earned.

The vital goal, a flying header from Fogg from the ever-elusive Paton's cross, did not come until 15 minutes from the end.

I am not sure whether victors or vanquished deserve the higher praise. Perhaps it should go to Wycombe whose pride, valour and resilience enabled them to recover from the shattering experience of giving away two goals through defensive errors inside 16 minutes to equalise.

In the fifth minute Rundle headed into his own goal from a pass by Riley who must have been given the benefit of the doubt of being outside. Then goalkeeper Maskell failed to hold Sturrock's low cross drive and Riley was on hand to score easily.

Consolation

In all logic that should have been the end for the amateurs. But they were neither deflated nor dismayed, and within six minutes of the start of the second half Horseman, an opportunist, shot two brilliant goals.

The first was taken on the turn with his left foot, and the second dispatched into an unguarded goal after Collier had bravely blocked an effort by Samuels.

Roystone cleared off the line from Paton, Samuels was almost through, Riley had a "goal" disallowed, and when all the odds pointed to yet another draw the cool head and dribbling feet of Paton, who once played in a Scottish Cup Final for Hearts, finally tipped the scales for Bedford.

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Wycombe.—Maskell; Beck, Roystone, Baker, Rundle, Gale; Worley, Samuels, Bates, Horseman, Merrick.

JON'S SPORTING TYPES



OTHER SP

FA CUP

1st Rnd., 3rd Replay

Blyth Sp. (1) 1 B. Auckland (0) 4
Orrick 2.811 McClelland
Barber, J.
(at Sunderland) Armstrong 2
(B. Auckland home to Hull) 2
Bedford (2) 3 Wycombe W. (0) 2
Rundle 0.84 Horseman 2
Riley, Fogg 8.105
(Bedford visit Oxford U.)

2nd Replay

York (0) 1 Morecambe (0) 0
Spencer 4.285
(at Man. City) (York visit Middlesbrough)
EUROPEAN CUP.—1st Rnd. 2nd leg
Vasco (Budapest) 0, Inter-Milan 2 (Agg. 1-4).
CUP WINNERS' CUP.—1st rnd., 2nd leg
Sporting Braga (Port.) 2, Vasas Győr (Hung.) 0 (Agg. 2-5).—Rapid Vienna 1, Spartak Moscow 0 (Agg. 2-1).

EUROPEAN AMATEUR CUP.—Spain 2, Italy 1.
EASTERN PROFESSIONAL FLOODLIT LEAGUE.—Brentwood T. 0, Chelmsford City 3.
LONDON MID-WEEK LEAGUE.—Luton 7, Charlton pp., ground unfit.